

Global Fest to Celebrate World Cultures

**Sept. 5 • 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Morton Community Center**

Savor the foods of Africa, Taiwan, Russia, Italy, the Philippines and other countries. Enjoy performances by the Klezmerim Jewish folk music group; Irish, Indian and Middle Eastern dancers; and more. Take in German, Swedish and American folk art, Chinese calligraphy and henna painting.

Free Admission, Activities

It will all be on tap at the 15th annual Global Fest, Saturday, September 5, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Morton Community Center, 222 N. Chauncey. The community is invited. Admission, performances, demonstrations, children's activities and information booths are free; food and sales items will be moderately priced.



The event is hosted by the City of West Lafayette and West Lafayette Parks & Recreation.

"Global Fest is an important gathering in our community, where people from many countries bring rich traditions to share," says Mayor John Dennis, who will give an international

welcome at noon.

Taste Treats for Sale

Ready for some plantains, mango lassi, kabobs, banana fritters or bubble milk tea? Want to learn more about Scandinavia, Turkey, Indonesia, Egypt and Japan? Head for Global Fest at Morton Community Center, and bring your friends.

Performance times and a full list of activities and participants is posted at www.westlafayette.in.gov.



Art on the Wabash will feature 35 area artists, including Lisa Walsh (top) and Mary Firestone, pictured.

Music, food and art take center stage at Global Fest.

Art on the Wabash Showcases 35 Artists

**Sept. 20 • 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tapawingo Park**

Pottery, jewelry, paintings, gourd art, drawings, glasswork and more will fill Tapawingo Park on Sunday, September 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the 4th annual Art on the Wabash: A Local Artists' Fair. Admission is free; the artists will be selling their work.

Local Artists Featured

The fair will feature 35 artists from an eight-county area. West Lafayette residents include mixed-media artist C.J. Fang; potters Gail Johnston and Linda LeMar; jewelry artists Carolyn Cason, Linda Elmore, Cheryl Hart and Lisa Hopkins; and watercolorist Rebecca Brody.



Free Children's Activities

Purdue University Galleries will bring its hands-on ArtCart and free supplies to the fair for children to create their own masterpieces.

"Art on the Wabash is unique because it showcases local artists, many of them nationally known,

and artwork that is jaw-dropping creative," says Mayor John Dennis.

The fair is presented by the City of West Lafayette and West Lafayette Parks & Recreation Department with technical assistance from Tippecanoe Arts Federation and sponsorship funding from KitchenArt: The Store for Cooks.





Good Things Happening Here

by Mayor John Dennis

A just-installed band shell at Tapawingo Park; two recently dedicated buildings in the Purdue Research Park; new residents arriving to attend or work at Purdue; a new, dynamic city website (www.westlafayette.in.gov)—these are just a few of many good things happening in West Lafayette.

We welcome our newest residents and invite them and all our long-timers to enjoy West Lafayette's parks and city-sponsored events—Sagamore West Farmers Market, Global Fest and Art on the Wabash: A Local Artists' Fair.

In city services, we have made improvements in wastewater treatment billing. We are also launching a new police department program to improve our quality of life by streamlining the details of code, parking and animal control enforcement. Read more in this newsletter.

Anytime you have questions or concerns, we are here to serve. Call—or try out messaging via our new website, which, by the way, is a great resource for everything about West Lafayette.

Of Note

Building Permits: April, \$1,004,868, with 4 new single-family homes; May, \$2,261,614, with 7 new homes; June, \$3,706,063, with 10 new homes and a \$1.4 million new Aldi grocery. In the first six months of 2009, permits for 30 new homes have been issued.

Tipmont REMC EnviroWatts program gave the city's Go Greener Commission \$7,135 to purchase collapsible recycling containers, volunteer vests, pop-up tent and table.

Classes Begin in West Lafayette Community Schools August 17 and at Purdue University on August 24.

Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association drew a record 227 attendees to its spring Morton Community Center sessions.

New Police Department Team Handles Code, Parking, Animal Control

The newly formed Neighborhood Resource Team of the West Lafayette Police Department is now handling code and parking enforcement and animal control.

Rick Walker, who retired after more than 20 years with the Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Office, has been hired to lead the team. He'll be assisted by Curt Cunningham, who has been addressing code enforcement in the city's Development Department.

"Combining these three quality-of-life areas in one team has been done for many years in East Lansing, home to Michigan State University," says Police Chief Jason Dombkowski. "We are modeling our team after theirs. We're excited to pool these resources into a single team focusing on our neighborhoods."

The team will monitor and handle animal control, parking, over-occupancy, trash, grass height, sidewalk snow removal and other nuisance issues.

Residents may contact the team 24 hours a day at 775-5200.



News Bits

Firefighters Do Some Gardening.

Terry Jones at Fire Station 3 on Cumberland spotted the perfect spot for a garden this summer: two concrete circles with dirt centers that were once silo bases. He and fellow firefighters joined the green movement and are growing sweet potatoes, zucchini and other squash, peppers, tomatoes and some flowers. The garden is yielding tasty firehouse meals.



Terry Jones and fellow firefighters at Station No. 3 are reaping the rewards of their spring planting.

Pay Wastewater Utility Bills Online. Online payment is now available for wastewater utility bills. Sign up under "Hot Topics" at www.westlafayette.in.gov by selecting "Utility bill online payments" and "Register." Reminder: Mailed bills have a new look and new information; and the billing schedule is being adjusted over the next few months as the city moves to bills that reflect current usage.

Wastewater Update. Construction on Phase III of the western interceptor project is progressing, reports David Henderson, utility director, with one more phase yet to go, when U.S. 231 is relocated. That will complete the city's Long-term Control Plan for Combined Sewer Overflows, to comply with the Clean Water Act.

New City Brochures. The City of West Lafayette is described as "Where innovation meets inspiration" in a brochure that accompanies new Purdue Research Park promotion materials. The eight-page brochure highlights business, quality living, sports, recreation and culture. The city's fold-out Choose this Path rack flier also has been updated and is available at City Hall.





Griffins: May Beautification Winners

A nearly two-acre property with blooming colors from March through November earned Carl and Lynn Griffin, 421 Robinson, the May Beautification Award.



Gore's Garden Lands Award

Medha Gore, 916 LaGrange St., won the June Beautification Award. Among her plantings: a white lilac bush, Iceland poppies and sunflowers.

Thanks to Adopt-a-Spot Hosts

Helping keeping our city beautiful this year are these Adopt-a-Spot hosts:

American Gardener
American Society of Civil Engineers,
Purdue

American Society of Landscape
Architects, Purdue

Anonymous Neighbors

Bennett's Greenhouse

Clearly Organized

Creaky House

Delta Lambda Phi, Alpha Beta Chapter

Delta Phi Omega

Gall, T. J. & Friends

Germond, Kyle and Joshua

Hills & Dales Neighborhood

Jiffy Lube

Peterson, Nathan

Purdue Alumni Association

Purdue University, Department of Health
& Kinesiology

Schneider Corp.

Spencer Chiropractic LLC

Tecumseh Kiwanis Club

Tippecanoe County Master Gardener
Association

Wabash Shores Neighborhood

West Lafayette Development Department

West Lafayette Parks & Recreation

West Lafayette Street Department

West Lafayette Tree Fund

West Lafayette Wastewater

Treatment Utility

White Horse Christian Center

Master Gardeners Plant at Cumberland Park

Members of the Tippecanoe County Master Gardener Association brought their green thumbs to Cumberland Park this summer, planting two new flower beds while continuing to tend to three they planted earlier.

"We have two objectives," says Doug Mann, who leads a group of about 20 who volunteer at the park. "One is seeing how newer plant materials and newer varieties grow in this area, and the other is wanting something attractive that people will enjoy seeing when they go on the path."

Join the Community Fun



Sagamore West Farmers Market

Cumberland Park
Wednesdays • 3 to 6:30 p.m.
through October 28

Global Fest

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Art on the Wabash

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Purdue Galleries

"Living Stone: The Casts Project"
Stewart Center Gallery
Opening August 31

Purdue Convocations 494-9712

Metropolis

Elliott • September 18 • 8 p.m.

Mama Mia

Elliott • October 21 and 22 • 7:30 p.m.

Frindle (for children)

Loeb • October 1 • 7 p.m.

City Eyes Roundabouts for Safety, Environment



Roundabouts, such as this illustration, combine safety and environmentally sound practices.

The city's commitment to the safest, most efficient transportation possible using available resources is prompting consideration of roundabouts.

Keep Traffic Moving

Roundabouts are small, circular intersections that allow traffic to travel counter-clockwise around a central island at speeds of 15 to 20 mph. Traffic entering the roundabout must yield to traffic already in the roundabout, so motorists are not required to stop if there is a large enough gap in traffic.

Roundabouts are environmentally friendly because vehicles do not idle, then accelerate; this reduces fuel consumption and air and noise pollution. Other positives:

Safety—roundabouts reduce crashes by 30 to 40 percent and injuries by 70 percent from traditional intersections with the same amount of traffic.

Roundabouts keep traffic moving even when stoplights go out.

Roundabouts are aesthetically pleasing—no wires or poles for

stoplights, and the central and entry medians can be landscaped.

Different Than Circles, Rotaries

Roundabouts are sometimes confused with traffic circles and rotaries, which are completely different.

Traffic circles do not use yield signs, as roundabouts do, nor do they have medians to slow entries. Indianapolis' Monument Circle is a traffic circle. Traffic circles often encourage pedestrians to walk to the central island; roundabouts do not.

Rotaries are large circular intersections commonly used on the east coast. Much larger than roundabouts, they allow high speeds and often have weaving issues. Roundabouts avoid both.

More information is available at, www.westlafayette.in.gov (click on Departments, Engineering, Traffic Commission; links are at the bottom of that page).

Enjoy the Harvest at Sagamore West Farmers Market • Wednesdays • 3 to 6:30 p.m.



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